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Text from letter received from LATCH after \$250 donation

Dear Evergreen Chapter Members,
 Thank you for your recent gift of \$250.00 that we received on 11/12/2009. Your gift to our Holiday Giving Program helped to provide many of our LATCH families with food, gifts or gift cards.
 For many people that LATCH serves, the holiday season can be very stressful. In addition to working, paying bills, and taking care of family or other household commitments, all too often, the goal of providing one's family with a warm and memorable holiday is out of reach.

We are so grateful to be associated with so many generous folks who found the means to assist families in need. I truly hope that participating in this program was as rewarding an experience for you as it has been for those of us in "Santa's Workshop" and most especially, for the residents of LATCH housing!

Peace and Best Wishes for the New Year,

Diana Harker
 Holiday Gift Giving Program Coordinator

Article submitted by Gary DuPen

BEST STEERING GEAR GREASE

By Hennan F. Reheis, Monticello, Georgia

I retired from the Air Force in December 1966 in Georgia. The next year a man brought a 1932 Ford Pickup to me wanting to have the steering gear overhauled. He left the vehicle with me. In the process of disassembly, I found it lubricated with a grease I had never seen before. I took some of it to the parts department of the local Ford Agency. The manager went to the back, soon returning with a tubular carton. It had a Ford part number on the side, C3AZ-19578A, and printed also were the words "Steering Gear Grease." That is what I have used to restore more than fifty steering gears since then.
 At a national Model "A" meet, I met George DeAngelis and asked him about the grease. At that time he was not aware of it. In January 1994 I wrote to him asking if he would check it out. He did, writing a brief letter and adding three pages of data from the Ford Archives. The gist of

it all is, "grease used as a long life lubricant for steering gear housings and is expected to last for the life of the vehicle." I have used this grease for over thirty years. It won't melt unless heat is applied with a torch. It may be applied by hand, spatula, putty knife or grease gun. It just stays there and lubricates.

This grease is still available at Ford dealers. Will there be a run on it? Ford would like that.

So why are owners of Model "A's" struggling to find 600W?

Taken from Seattle Times Nov 20, 2009 CARTalk

Dear Tom & Ray: *A friend of mine says that keeping the clutch pressed in on a standard-shift car will wear out the throw-out bearing, and I say it won't. For example, he says that when on a hill, a smart driver will put the car in "neutral and let the clutch out, keeping one foot on the brake, to save wear on the throw-out bearing. I say keeping the clutch depressed won't cause wear and tear. Who's right? - Red Ray: He is.*

Tom: There are two common ways that clutches die. The most common is that the clutch disc wears out. That happens over time, due to the natural slippage that takes place when you engage the clutch to get the car moving.

Ray: This process can be greatly accelerated, however, if you ride the clutch - that is, give the engine too much gas and let the clutch out too slowly.

Tom: The second most common type of clutch failure is when the throw-out bearing (also called the release bearing) fails. That's the bearing that pushes the clutch plates apart when you push in the clutch pedal to change gears.

Ray: Used correctly, the throw-out bearing will last much longer than the clutch disc. But if you sit at red lights with your foot on the clutch pedal all the time, you can wear out the throw-out bearing before you wear out your clutch disc - an entirely preventable condition.

Tom: The problem is, if either the disc or the bearing fails, you then have to replace the whole clutch. On most cars these days, a clutch job is at least a thousand bucks. So, your friend is absolutely right. The best way to preserve the throw-out bearing is to keep your foot off the clutch pedal, except when you're actively shifting gears (or starting the engine).



Presidents report Dec. 2009

I hope that everyone has their reservation sent to Ila Sage for the dinner and installation of the new officers for the next year. Ila has done a good job of putting things together for the evening. Thank you to Jerry Kelly and his group for music during the social time.

I wish to thank the board for the work that they did this last year, leaving the board is Larry Grant, Ken Sturgeon Dick Morris, a special thank you to Dick for the work that he has done getting the programs each month.

I wish Larry Grant, the continuing officers, and the new board members, Archie Cress, Ray Giometti, George Sage, all the best for the new year. Larry has a lot of ideas, I hope that you will support the club and be an active member.

*Wishing you all a Merry
Christmas*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

George Sage

Every Wednesday at 12 Noon
Lunch at the 125th Street Grill
Call Dave Severson for details, 206-365-0649

TOURS AND EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2009

Dec 12 Annual Holiday Banquet
Saturday Cocktails beginning at
5:00pm, Dinner at 6:30
Coast Bellevue Hotel
625 116th Ave NE, Bellevue
\$20 per person
Ila Sage 425-868-1729

Jan 2010 January Board meeting
Watch for time and place

Jan 2010 January General meeting
Saturday and Chili contest
Watch for time and place

EVERGREEN A'S HOLIDAY PARTY

As of November 24th we have 43 people signed up with their dinner choice for our December 12th Holiday Party. Hey, everybody this is a great deal for only \$20 you get a 3 course meal with coffee and/or tea including tax and tip. WOW! You can't take yourself out for such a nice meal for such a deal. So don't procrastinate and send in your reservations to George and Ila Sage, 22002 NE Redmond Fall City RD, Redmond WA 98053. If you have misplaced your invitation just call 425-868-1729 and we will see that you get one, or email: ilasage@aol.com. I am really hoping for 60-70 people and set a new record for fun at Christmastime.

CLASSIFIED ADS

There is no charge for classified ads. Give to, call, send, or email to the editor, Mike Kelley, 253-630-2629, termikal@comcast.net, 14615 SE 222nd St, Kent, WA 98042. Ads will automatically run in the Echoes for two months. Please notify the editor if you want to cancel the second month. A + at the end of an ad means that this ad is from another club newsletter, national magazine, or another source, and will run only once.

For Sale: Music from the Model A era. Like the famous tunes from the 30's, 40's & 50's? Bill and Jerry, piano and saxophone, are available to provide music for your special occasion. Call 425-644-4013. Very reasonable rates!

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rumble seat, dual side mounts
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for more information contact Mike Boedecker 206-491-3981

For Sale: 1972 Mercury MX Brougham sedan, less than 30,000 original miles. 350 Cleveland engine (gets 13 mpg). Green with vinyl top. Interior looks like it just came off the show room floor. Exterior needs some minor body work, missing a turn signal lens & the emblem on the trunk lock will need paint soon. Price is no object, Justin just wants it to go to a "good home"
Dana Lim, 360-652-3866

For Sale: Six (6) Jim Beam Model A Decanters. \$100 each. For more information call Mike Boedecker 206-491-3981

Wanted: CAR FOR WEDDING
My name is Pete Smiley, Beaverton, Oregon, and my son is getting married in downtown Seattle on June 12, 2010. Since I own two A's, speedster and a Sport Coupe, which won't work I thought I would ask your club if anyone would be interested in supplying a 4 door sedan. I will pay for expenses, food and etc. for anyone who would be interested. Use of the car would a max of 2 hours for a ride around the block, they are getting married by Quest Field, and then for the typical wedding photos. The wedding is at 5pm. I belong to the Beaver Chapter here in Portland and would appreciate it if you would ask at your next meeting etc. Thank you **Pete Smiley 503-591-1110**

For Sale: Five (5) 19" wheels and Firestone whitewall tires. Wheels are powder-coated Tacoma Crème. Tires are almost full tread and in excellent condition. Originally were installed on A400. \$500 for all 5 wheels and tires. Call Gary DuPen on 206-595-9285 (cell)

**MAFCA Longevity
By Archie Cress**

Four Evergreen members receive MAFCA's longevity pins. Did you notice in the Nov./Dec. 2009 issue of The Restorer that four Evergreen members received what I call the "Old Faithful Award" for being faithful to our Model A Ford hobby? MAFCA's policy is to give this award at 50, 45, 40, 35, 30, and 25 years.

Merlin Cavender and Leroy and Glorrian Nau received their 35 year pins. Also Ron and Barbara Bader and John Hash received their 25 year pins.
Congratulation!

MAFCA

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MAFCA dues are \$40 per year. Dues for new members may be paid at any time. Dues paid between November 1 and December 31 is valid for the remainder of the year paid plus the following year. With your check, send in you name, spouse's name, and complete address. An optional extra \$10 with dues includes a club pin, decal, badge, windshield card, and a back issue of the *Restorer* magazine. If you use MasterCard or Visa, include the expiration date and your signature. Membership includes a subscription to the *Restorer* magazine.

Evergreen A's Board Meeting Minutes The Pancake House in Redmond

Date: October 26, 2009

President Merlin Cavender called the meeting to order at 7:35pm. Board members in attendance: Merlin Cavender (President), Mike Kelley (Vice President), Ila Sage (Treasurer), Terri Kelley (Secretary), and Trustees: Larry Grant, Dick Morris & Dick Warbrouck. Guests included: Lee Thomas, Jan Grant, Dianne Cavender, Terry Morris & George Sage.

2010 Evergreen Picnic:

Merlin received an email from Bob & Pat Watson, offering their Warm Beach residence as a site for a club potluck picnic in 2010. The Board agreed to Bob & Pat's preferred date of Saturday, August 21st and Mike will coordinate a back road rally for this event.

Car Needed for Wedding:

Merlin received a letter from Pete Smiley of Beaverton, Oregon, requesting a 4-door sedan for a Seattle wedding that will occur on June 12, 2010. Merlin will submit this information to Mike for inclusion in the next Echoes.

Door Prizes for the National Meet:

Merlin received a request for door prizes for the National Meet. The Board suggested two \$50 gift certificates for Floyds. A line-item will be added to next year's budget for this donation.

Membership Dues:

The Board recommended that membership dues remain at \$30 and that any surplus money be used to supplement club activities (such as, pizza meetings, Christmas banquet costs, etc.).

Membership Involvement:

Larry initiated an exchange of ideas on how to encourage club members to become active on the Board & interested in running for office. The Board was in agreement that the club president should have previous Board experience. It was suggested that

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See our Calendar of Events page or call on of our officers to check where and when our next meeting will be held.

Anyone with a sincere interest in the Model A Ford is most welcome. If you are interested in joining, you first must be a member of the Model A Ford Club of America, 250 S Cypress St, La Habra, CA 90631-5586. You will receive six beautiful magazines per year called *The Restorer*. To join the Evergreen Chapter, the cost depends on what part of the year you join. The yearly dues are \$30.00. To receive a membership application, ask for one at the monthly meeting or send for one to the above address.

The Evergreen Echoes is our club newsletter. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. Please direct articles to the editor. An article submitted in electronic format is preferred. Some of the material in this newsletter may have appeared in other publications and club newsletters. Credit is given whenever possible. We are happy to share our articles for publication in other newsletters as long as credit for the original source, be it this newsletter or another, is given. Deadline for material is the 20th of each month. Mail to Mike Kelley, 14615 SE 222nd St, Kent WA 98042, 253-630-2629, termikal@comcast.net

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experienced tour & parade planners mentor newer members in the planning of these activities to help generate more participation and develop an interest in the leadership of the club.

Member Participation - Survey Results:

Merlin reviewed the survey results with the Board. Many members indicated they would like more dinner meetings and some would prefer daytime meetings in winter months. Dick Warbrouck prepared a long list of ideas as to why people join a club, and then choose not to attend meetings or become actively involved. The Board was very receptive to his ideas on how to improve membership participation and agreed to pursue many of these for 2010.

Club Events:

Mike would like to resurrect a picture-taking event with the Model A's. Many historical site photo opportunities were suggested by the Board members, with the possibility of using the photos to create Model A calendars.

Model A – Active Recruitment:

George would still like to see the club put together a rolling chassis, a Model A representing each year, plus era fashions to educate and entertain at various locations in the area. Mike

suggested we proceed with this activity even if the rolling chassis isn't yet available.

Christmas Banquet:

Ila handed out invitations to the Board members and stated that the remaining invitations will be mailed out next week. An article about the Christmas Banquet will be published in the next Echoes. Ila said Jerry Kelly and Bill Erickson would like to provide the music again this year and the Board agreed they should receive \$100, plus the Board approved to pay for their dinners.

Membership:

Lee needs to order "Man of the Year" and "Woman of the Year" patches, but asked for a contact name. Both George & Merlin have contacts and will get that information to Lee. Lee is missing 2 membership applications and discussed the details with Mike.

General Interest:

- Merlin said a "pizza" night meeting with member recognition will be scheduled after the start of the New Year.
- Merlin stated that the Albany Swap Meet is scheduled for November 14th.
- A seatbelt installation seminar will be scheduled for November.
- Merlin said Chuck Nordstrom was recently involved in an accident with his Model A, but he was not injured.
- Today was George & Ila's 58th anniversary & Mike's Birthday.
- Board members were in agreement that a separate Board meeting night is preferred to conducting Board meetings on the same night as the general membership meetings. Conducting back-to-back Board and membership meetings results in time restrictions and interruptions for the Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.

Respectfully submitted, Terri Kelley, Secretary

Evergreen A's General Meeting Minutes

At Westminster Church in Bellevue

November 12, 2009

President Merlin Cavender called the meeting to order at 7:30pm, welcomed everyone in attendance & led the flag salute. Guest in attendance: Vinny Digiulio
October Minutes were approved as printed in Echoes.

Treasurer's Report: Ila Sage presented the report, including a correction for the previous month's report to include interest on CDs. Although monies were budgeted for the new club banner, Bonnie Nau has graciously donated the banner that she & Glorrian designed and created for our club. Comparison with last year's report indicates we are ahead by

approximately \$2700. The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Christmas Party: Ila Sage reported 25 reservations have been received as of yesterday with a goal of reaching 70 attendees.

Club Audit: Merlin asked Howard Truchot if he would audit the treasurer's books & Howard agreed to do so.

Holiday Donation: Merlin said \$250 is in the budget for helping a needy family during the holiday season. He recommends the donation be given to LATCH (Lutheran Alliance to Create Housing). The money would go to food stores allowing families to make purchases. The club unanimously agreed to give the donation to LATCH.

Officers elected for 2010 are as follows:

President - Larry Grant; Vice President - Mike Kelley; Treasurer - Ila Sage; Secretary - Terri Kelley.

Rust Bucket Tours: Walt Rust said if it looks like good weather is coming, he will try to plan something.

Shriners: Vinny Digiulio (tonight's guest) brought information on the Shriners and said they are looking for patients, otherwise 3 hospitals face closure. Frank Rosin suggested a train tour to Portland to visit the Shrine hospitals and a show of hands indicated many were interested in participating in this tour, which would occur sometime in January (mid-week).

Evergreen Picnic: Merlin said the Board approved a picnic scheduled for August 21st at Bob & Pat Watson's home. Mike Kelley will set up a rally as part of that event.

Seminars: George Sage would like suggestions as to what seminars the membership would like to see. Possible seminar topics included seat belt installation, starters and generators, distributors & wheel straightening. George will work up the details & find someone to put these on.

Request for Car: Merlin received a request from someone in the Beaver Chapter who needs 4-door sedan for a wedding next year in Seattle (the article details were printed in the Echoes). If someone volunteers, notify Mike Kelley so the Echo's article can be discontinued.

Cars Requested for Arboretum Anniversary: Merlin received a request to to have cars at the arboretum's 75th anniversary on 12/5/09 from 10:30am to 1pm. They are hoping to have cars there to give rides, photo opportunities and those bringing cars will be reimbursed for gas. In exchange for our participation we would be entitled to use their facility for one of our club functions. Mike Kelley will send information out in an email to club members.

Board Member Nominations: Dick Morris, Larry Grant & Ken Sturgeon will be leaving the Board in 2010. Club members nominated Archie Cress, George Sage & Ray Giometti for the 2010 Board.

Model A Question: Don Werlech has a front pulley that is badly scarred and asked for club expertise on the cause and the solution. Several members explained the reasons he encountered this problem and several recommendations were offered.

Garage Safety: George Sage warned us not to replace bulbs in

garage door openers with CFL bulbs because they can cause a fire. Instead, use a regular light bulb.

Club Tools: Mike Kelley presented the club's nut-splitter. Mike also showed a seatbelt like the one he has installed in his coupe. The seatbelt maker is PILOT and the cost is \$15.99 at AutoZone. Jim Barbee said the shops will not install these for you because of possible lawsuits. It was recommended we have a seminar on seatbelts and those wishing to install them bring their cars. It was also recommended that we have a release form making the car owner responsible for the installation.

Membership: Lee Thomas has received 45 checks for dues renewals.

Program: Terry & Dick Morris shared their African safari experiences with us.

In honor of our veterans, Walt Rust showed us a Navy pilot's video on "Victory at Sea."

Refreshments: Merlin thanked Ray Giometti for providing tonight's refreshments.

Raffle Drawing: \$20.50 was won by Jim Barbee. The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Terri Kelley, Secretary

taken from Volcano View

"A" Technical- Tip Model A Web-Addresses
By Lynn-Sondenaa

Do you ever sit and listen to people talk about web sites where you can get good information? They will verbally tell you the web address, but you can't remember the web address.

Depending on the year of manufacture of your computer operating system it could be case sensitive. Here is a list of good Model A sites with their correct http://addresses:

- www.fordbarn.com Discussion forums and swapping of parts
- www.model-A.org A site devoted to the Zenith carburetor
- www.dmafc.com The Dallas, Texas Model A Ford club web page.
- www.abarnyard.com Restoration and research tips on the Model A This is Marco Tahtaros web page.

- www.ahooga.com Information and a chat line on the Model A
- www.plucks329s.org A global study of the Model A history. It also has engine numbers down to the month and date they were made.
- www.fordsa.homestead Australian Model A's
- www.ocmafca.org Orange County, California Model A web page
- www.modelatrader.com Model A vehicles and parts for sale

Taken from AAAA OOGAH April, 2007

OK YOU TWO... WHICH ONE OF YOU JOKERS HAS MY OTHER LUG NUT?



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General Meeting & Party

DATE: December 12th, 2009

TIME: 5:00 Cash Bar & Music by Jerry and Bill

6:30 Dinner

8:00 Program

LOCATION: Bellevue Coast Hotel

Evergreen Holiday Party. Bring a Non-perishable Food for the Food Bank. Bring a White Elephant Gift for the Gift Exchange.